

October 2010

Hannibal Amateur Radio Club News

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Next Scheduled Meeting: Wednesday
OCTOBER 13, at 7:30 PM

Attention!! HARC members: Regular Meetings:
Are now located at the following location
starting on May 12th, 2010. This new location is
just south across the road, and slightly uphill
from Beth Haven Nursing Home. This is still a
non smoking building.

Beth Haven Pleasant View
641 Euclid Avenue
Hannibal, Mo 63401

Enter at the main entrance, turn left to the
elevator. Take the elevator to the second floor,
and the clubs meeting room is directly across
the hallway. See map directions on HARC
website.

FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2010 **Hannibal, MO ARC 2010 Exam Dates** **October 13th, 2010**

Exams will take place at 8:30 PM after the regular scheduled HARC meeting. The exam session will be at Beth Haven Pleasant View, 641 Euclid St., Hannibal, MO. Registration is required at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Fred Miller- KBØWIL at kb0wil@arrl.net or 573-221-2429.

The 2010 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

HANNIBAL AMATEUR RADIO CLUB **MINUTES**



Date: September 8th, 2010

Location: Beth Haven Pleasant View
 641 Euclid Ave. Hannibal Mo.63401

Meeting called to order by: Howie-KØDFW

Minutes of previous meeting:
Motion to approve: John-KC9MMO
Seconded by: Don-KDØHHN

Treasurers report: Tony-WØPGL

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Cash-\$804.05 CD-\$1,290.00 Total-\$2,094.05
 Motion to approve: Ed-WA6JMR Seconded
 by: John-KC9MMO

Repeater report: Fred-KBØWIL

The repeaters are working and sounding great, no problems.

ARRL Memberships: If your a member of the ARRL and renew your membership through the club, we receive a small portion of your renewal fee. If interested, contact Fred-KBØWIL. Thank you to the members who have renewed through the club already. If your not a ARRL member, please consider joining, we need the ARRL to make sure we don't lose any of the amateur radio spectrum.

Club Auction: We auctioned off five books tonight that Tony-WØPGL received from Glen Scott's estate; A Police Call book, Military Monitoring, Shortwave Listening, Radio on the Road, and Buying a shortwave receiver.

Thanks to all who bid on these books, to help out the clubs finances'.

VE-Testing: We will be having testing on October 13th, 2010 directly after our club meeting. Contact Fred-KBØWIL HARC-VE Liaison, if you are interested in taking an exam.

HARC Supper/Get together on Saturday
 February 5, 2011

We will be going to Fiddlesticks Restaurant next year for the clubs annual supper. Start time 6:00PM. Luan-KC9PGS is in charge of reserving the room.

50/50: Won by Fred-KBØWIL, and he donated it back to the club. The club appreciates it.

A special Thank You again to Luan-KC9PGS for bringing the great brownie treats tonight. She always brings very good snacks. I think we should keep her as an officer, for the next 30-50 years or so.

Number of members present: 14

Number of guests: 2

Total attending: 16

Minutes of the meeting as recorded by:
 Fred-KBØWIL HARC-Secretary

*** ARRL Assistant Director Midwest Division***

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK OCTOBER 2010 BY HOWARD BARNES K0DFW



Man it is October already. I'm not ready for this. I was getting ready to go hunting for mushrooms, but I guess that was month's ago. Where has the summer gone? For me this is the busiest time of the year with deer season starting, and the western states hunting seasons are going full blast. Things has really slowed down the last couple of years, and hope in November this year, that we get a sign of "real change", and this economy gets turned around so people can get back to work.

Hey, this should be about radio since this is

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a radio club newsletter. Can you say "ducting"? Ducting is where radio signals get caught between the layers in the ionosphere and bounce back and forth between hot and cold layers and comes out back to earth a "great " distances away from your QTH and you can work on vhf and work half a world away. When you start seeing these real foggy nights then this prime time for ducting and you might be able to work DX stations on 20 watts of power on 2 meters or 440 mhz. This can be a lot of fun if a person wants to try it. How about Work All States on 2 meters. That is quite an accomplishment. You might want to try it.

This is emergency preparedness month and there is work going on to secure a plan if we have another New Madrid earthquake and Art W0KG from Lake St. Louis, Mo. approached me about joining the HARC into the effort and being a part of it. I told him that I would bring it up at our next Ham Club meeting and discuss this with the membership and what they want the HARC to do in the event. So you want to show up at the next meeting.

I hear that J.D. and Oral has been racing against each other to work all the "66" stations this year and I have heard from the Grand Master W0AJD that he beat K0UBR this year working all the Highway 66 stations across the U.S. If you have never work in the "66" contest you should try it. It is in September each year and on a certain time and date all the hams all over the country chase these stations that are assigned special event calls and you have to work all these stations up and down "66" which stretches from Chicago to California. There is an award for this event and the "honor" of being "first" like J.D. was this time. Way to go J.D.!!!!

There are a lot of DX and QSO parties going on. You just got to turn that switch to on and press the mike button to participate.

Our next club meeting will be October 13 at our regular meeting spot. So, be there, or be square!

73s

Howard
K0DFW

DX Horizons
October 2010
by Mike Nowack NA9Q



DX Notes

 by na9q
& News...

First, an update regarding a subject from last month's column, the breakup of the Netherland Antilles. ARRL Awards Committee issued on September 23rd, a notice that the two present entities (PJ2 and PJ7) will be removed from the current countries list effective at 0400Z on October 10th, 2010. The notice did not address the issue of just which or how many new entities will be added to the list at that time. Reportedly, as many as four new ones will be added, but a final decision awaits the review of the administrative restructuring vs the DXCC entity definitions. The outcome of this process will come at a later date. But again, if you do not have the present countries confirmed, you might want to get that done before October 10.

As a result, my recent visit to the Peoria Hamfest, I want to remind readers that you have two ARRL authorized DXCC Field Card Checkers available to you in the immediate area. Cliff, K0CA, as well as myself. Using a field checker can save you lots of worry in sending your DX QSL cards through the mail, as well as the expense. However, please be aware of the rules which must be followed regarding field checking. My recent experiences at Peoria are what prompted this reminder. I had 6 individuals' present cards for checking, but only one had prepared everything as required. The most common deficiencies were the lack of a pre-addressed, pre-stamped envelope in which the paperwork is to be mailed, not sorting, and listing the cards properly, as well as the lack of a completed application form. Last year, I even had one individual present 130 cards for checking

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without any paperwork completed ahead of time. There was no way I could accept these for checking on site, nor was it possible to sit and help him complete the paperwork for that many cards. And remember, we can check all cards *except* those for deleted entities and 160M cards. Before preparing your application for the DXCC award, please review the rules, which are available on the ARRL web site. And further, you may not know this, but as DXCC Field Card Checkers, for your convenience, Cliff and I can now check cards for the ARRL WAS and VUCC awards. And further, I am a field checkpoint for the CQ Magazine WAZ award.

And now for the latest DX news on upcoming operations:

A7, QATAR. Jamal, JY5FX is QRV as A71/home call. Activity is mainly on 20, 17 and 15 meters using SSB. QSL direct to home call.

A9, BAHRAIN. David, A92GE has been QRV on 20 meters using CW between 0330 and 0430z. QSL to home call.

FH, MAYOTTE. Lionel, FH8ND has been QRV on 17 meters using SSB from 1600 to 1900z. QSL via F1OKV.

SU, EGYPT. Gab, HA3JB is QRV as SU/homecall from Cairo until the end of November. Activity is on the HF bands using CW, RTTY, SSTV, PSK31 and some SSB. QSL direct to home call.

5H, TANZANIA. Pat, W8FV, will be returning to Mwanza, and will be active as 5H9PD between October 2-30th. Activity will probably be on 40-10 meters, depending on propagation, mostly CW with maybe some PSK31. There may be some 80 meters. QSL via his home callsign.

5V7, TOGO (Update). The Italian DXpedition to Togo takes place between October 10-23rd. The Bureau QSL manager will be G6BMY. Or QSL direct to I2YSB. An OQRS (Online QSL Request System) is also available to QSL direct without the need to send your card. Go to: http://win.i2ysb.com/qsl_request/default.asp

BX5, TAIWAN (AS-020). Jimmy, BX5AA, from Changhua City, Taiwan (WLOTA 0022), will be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October

30-31st) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via BX5AA, direct (see QRZ.com).

J2, DJIBOUTI. Freddy, F5IRO, who has been active as J28RO since July, is planning to be active in both the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 30-31st) and CQWW DX CW Contest (November 27-28th). He is expected to stay here for about another 22 months. Normal activity will be on CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL Manager is F8DFP. QSL direct (w/SAE + valid IRC PLEASE NO MONEY AT ALL), or by the French REF-Union Bureau. The direct cards without the above mentioned will be answered by the Bureau.

P4, ARUBA. John, W2GD, will be active as P40W from Santa Cruz, Aruba (SA-036, WLOTA 0033), during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 30-31st). QSL via LoTW or N2MM.

R1, ANTARCTICA. Mike, RW1AI (ex-UA1AFM), currently active as R1ANP from the Progress Antarctic station, is planning to activate the Chinese's Zhongshan Antarctic Base for the first time ever. Look for him to be active as R1ANP/A from Zhongshan station in October and November. He will be using 100 watts into vertical antenna.

T7, SAN MARINO. T70A will be active in the CQWW DX SSB Contest using the contest station of the "Amateurs Radio Republic of San Marino" (ARRSM). QSL T70A via A.R.R.S.M. Radio Club, P.O.BOX 77, 47890 Rep. San Marino, SAN MARINO.

XW1, LAOS. Bruce, XW1B, from Vientiane, will be active during the CQWW DX SSB Contest (October 30-31st) QSL via E21EIC, direct or by the Bureau.

C9, Mozambique. David GI4FUM (C91DJ), Gilli GI8MIV (C91MV), Tony G4LDL (C91DL), Glynys G8KWD (C91KW), Dave ZS6AVM (C91AV), Toni ZS6GF (C91GF) and Daniel ZS6JR (C91JR) will be active from Bilene, Mozambique between 15 and 31 October. For the Jamboree On the Air (16-17 October) they will operate as C91MS (Mozambique Scouts), while during the CW WW DX SSB Contest they will operate as C91WW. Between these two events they will operate under their individual callsigns. Most activity will be SSB, although they may be able to do some CW, PSK31 and RTTY. The QSL manager for the expedition is GI4FUM. Further information at www.3da0ss.net [TNX GI4FUM]

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ZD9, Falkland Islands. John, ZS1LF expects to start activity as ZD9GI sometime in mid-October. He will remain on the island for one year as part of the South African National Antarctic Programme's expedition team. QSL via ZS1A.

Thanks to the ARRL DX Bulletins, the OPDX Bulletin and the 425 DX Bulletin for some of the above information.

With the CQWW DX – SSB contest coming up and the Netherland Antilles changes pending in October, it should be a good month to be on the air. Good DX and see you in the pile ups.

73, Mike, NA9Q

**HARC MONDAY NIGHT NET
CALL LIST OF VOLUNTEER OPERATORS
OCTOBER 2010**

4	N9UPG	BILL
11	KØDFW	HOWARD
18	KB9VIS	BRIAN
25	KC9PGS	LUAN

THANKS TO ALL!

Well, the last couple months have been serious antenna work for J. D., WØAJD, and Jack WD9CHG. The fold over tower, and antennas are now high in the sky at J.D.'s. Below are some of the pictures.



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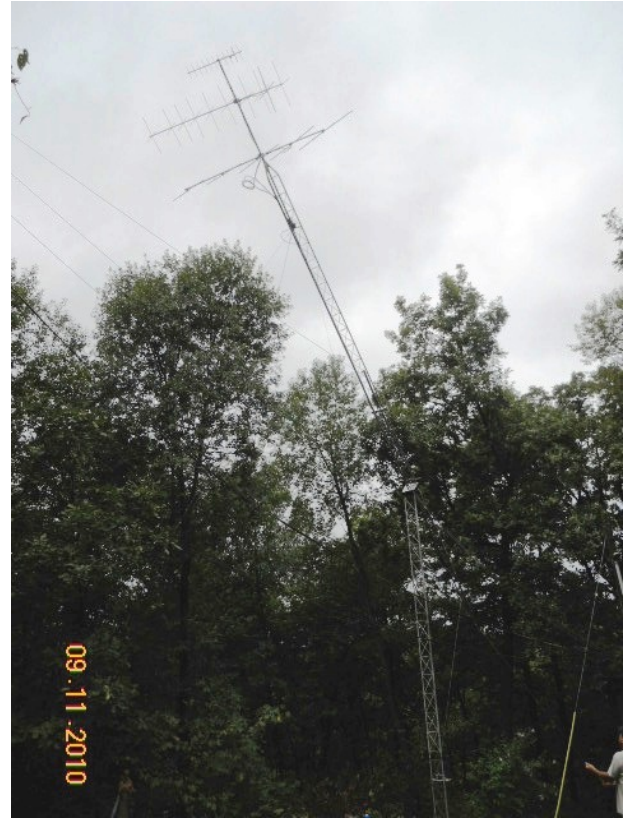
JACK, WD9CHG, JD W0AJD, SON IN LAW, MIKE



JACK, WD9CHG, SON IN LAW, MIKE – ANTENNA GOING UP!!



ANTENNA GOING UP!! 2 meter beam, 6 meter, and 440.



YEAH!!!! ANTENNA IS UP!! Thanks to Jack, WD9CHG, Kevin and Mike and Cherie for all of their help. Next day, J.D. and Bonnie had to take it back down and do some work, and it went down and up as planned.

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EVEN BONNIE WBØWAP AND DAUGHTER CHERIE GOT IN THE ANTENNA WORK!



Putting another wire antenna on tree limb up above.



This is only a few of the pictures of the antenna project. There were many challenges, and even had to start a second time as the first attempt failed, so we rented a lift, and it worked much better. So, our advice if you have tower and antenna work, rent a lift it is much more successful.



Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty .. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out..

- Phyllis Diller



*Of all the gifts you could give
A US Soldier, Prayer is the very best one.*

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